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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO NSC
ON THE NIS PROGRAM

BASIC INTELLIGENCE

1. The National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program, which was begun in 1948 by direction of the National Security Council, is designed to meet the requirements of the U.S. Government for basic intelligence on a world-wide basis. Since the start of the NIS Program there have been produced over 2,400 individual sections on 79 foreign countries and areas. This represents essentially 45% of total world coverage, mainly on JCS high priority areas. In addition, 76 NIS Gazetteers have been published through 31 December 1954.

2. NIS production is scheduled at the approximate rate of 8 equivalent NIS a year as established by the JCS. However, actual production for the first six months of fiscal year 1955 is approximately 30% below scheduled requirements. Production is expected to improve during the second half of the fiscal year.

3. The NIS Committee is giving increasing emphasis to revision of published NIS under the maintenance program, and to the production of Chapters I (Brief). Coordination among the NIS participating agencies is excellent. There has been noticeable improvement in the NIS collection effort during the past six months.

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